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SUBJ: "FORBES PARK RAPE TRIAL" UPDATE

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1. ON AUGUST 26 CONGEN WROTE TO DND SECRETARY ENRILE INQUIRING AS TO WHAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO EUGENIO LOPEZ, III REQUEST FOR FREEDOM UNDER BAIL, PENDING SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ISSUE OF JURISDICTION OF MILITARY COURT. WHILE WRITTEN REPLY TO CONGEN LETTER HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED, ENRILE MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN AUGUST 28 THAT CASE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO CIVIL COURTS.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 10 COUNSEL FOR LOPEZ (JOSE DIOKNO) WROTE TO CONSULATE STATING THAT NO ORDER TO TRANSFER CASE AGAINST LOPEZ TO A CIVIL COURT HAD BEEN ISSUED. ON SEPTEMBER 16 EMBOFF CHECKED WITH DND UNDERSECRETARY CRISOL WHO ADVISED THAT AFP JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL WAS STILL CONSIDERING MATTER OF TRANSFERRING CASE TO A CIVIL COURT. EMBOFF CITED EARLIER ENRILE COMMENT TO AMBASSADOR AND ASKED THAT DND KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED IN THIS REGARD.

3. ACCORDING TO LOPEZ LAWYER, SUPREME COURT HAS SET HEARING OF CASE FOR SEPTEMBER 30.
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